



¶ The effect of certaine branches of the Statute made in Anno 33.
Henrici viij. touching the maintenance of Artillery, and the punishment of
such as vse vnlawfull Games, very necessary to be put in execution.

First, that all fathers, gouernours, and rulers of such as be tender of age, doe teach and bring them vp in the knowledge of Shooting, and that euery man hauing a man childe, or men children in his house, shall prouide, ordaine, and haue in his house for euery man childe, being of the age of seuen yeeres and aboue, till hee shall come to the age of seuentene yeeres, a Bow and two shafts, to induce and learne them, and bring them vp in Shooting, and shall deliuer all the same Bow and Arrowes to the same yong men to vse and occupy. And if the same yong men bee seruants, that then their master shall abate the money that they shall pay for the same Bowes and Arrowes of their wages. And after all such yong men shall come to the age of seuentene yeeres, euery of them shall prouide and haue a Bow and foure Arrowes continually for himselfe, at his proper cost and charges, or else of the gift or prouision of his friends, and vse and occupie the same in Shooting, as is before rehearsed. And if the master suffer any of his seruants taking wages, being in his household, and vnder the age of seuentene yeeres, to lacke a Bow and two Arrowes, contrary to the forme of this estatute, by the space of one moneth together, then the master or father in whom such negligence shall be, shall for euery such default forfeit vi. s. viii. d. And that euery seruant passing the age of seuentene yeeres, and vnder the age of threescore yeeres, and taking wages, which can, or is able to shoot, and shall lacke a Bow and foure Arrowes by the space of one moneth together, shall for euery such default forfeit and lose vi. s. viii. d.

Item, that no person by himselfe, factor, Deputy, seruant, or other person, shall for his or their gaine, lucre, or liuing, keepe, haue, hold, occupy, exercise, or maintaine any common house, Alley, or place of Bowling, Coiting Cloisse, Coilles, halfe bowle, Tennis, Dicing, Table, or Carding, or any other maner of Game, prohibited by any Statute heretofore made, or any vnlawfull new game now inuented or made, or hereafter to be inuented, found, had, or made, vpon paine to forfeit and pay for euery day keeping, hauing, maintaining, or suffering any such game to be had, kept, executed, played, or maintained within any such House, Garden, Alley, or other place, contrary to the forme and effect of this estatute, xl. s. and the players so taken, to pay for euery time vi. s. viii. d.

Item, That the Iustices of Peace, and euery Maior, Sheriffe, Bailiffe, Constable, or other head Officer, haue authoritie to enter into all places, as well within franchises or else where, and the persons offending in any of the premises, to take and put in prison, vntill such time they put in Sureties no more to suffer, occupy, or commit the sayd offences.

Item, That all Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Constables, and other head Officers within euery City, Borough, and Towne within this Realme, where any such Officers shall fortune to be, as well within the franchises as without, shall make due search weekly, or at the furthest at all times hereafter once euery Moneth in all places, where any such Houses, Alleys, Play or Players shall be suspected to be had, kept, and maintained. And if the said Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Constables, and other head Officers, within their Cities, Boroughs, and Townes, as well within franchises as without, doe not make due search at the furthest once euery Moneth, if the case so require, according to the tenor of this Acte, and doe not execute the same in all things, according to the purport and force of the same: that then euery such Maior, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Constables, or other head Officer, to pay and forfeit for euery Moneth not making such search, nor executing the same, xl. s.

Item, That no Artificer, or handicrafts man of any occupation, Husbandman, Apprentice, Labourer, seruant of Husbandry, Journey man, or seruant, or Artificer, Mariner, fisherman, Waterman, or any Seruing man, may vse any vnlawfull Game.

Item, That all that play at Bowles, or any other vnlawfull Game in the fields, to lose for euery such time vi. s. viii. d. and to be committed to prison, vnto such time they put in Sureties no more to vse the same.

Item, This Statute to bee proclaimed foure times euery yeere, and the like to be done in all Cities and Sessions, and to continue for ever.

Memorandum, That there is a prouiso in this Statute for all men of worship, which may dispend one hundred pounds yeerely and bpwards, may vse these games with discretion at their pleasures.

God saue the King.

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